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In re application of

Docket No: Q60058

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Appln. No.: 09/613,426

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Confirmation No.: 9344

Examiner: Chan S. Park

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For: PRINTER AND PRINT SYSTEM CAPABLE OF PRINTING A READ IMAGE
WITHOUT INTERVENTION OF HOST IN ADDITION TO PRINTING OF PRINT
DATA FROM HOST

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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REMARKS

Applicants hereby thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance dated September 20, 2006. In response thereto, Applicants file this Comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons of Allowance.

Applicants submit that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance of the claims merely loosely paraphrase the claims, and therefore do not accurately restate the claimed invention. Applicants submit that the claims should be deemed allowable based on each of their respective recitations.

Applicants submit that the claims include various other aspects which provide a separate basis for patentability. The Examiner's statement paraphrases a portion of the subject matter of

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the claims, but each claim should be interpreted using its own precise language, and not the paraphrase summary included in the Examiner's statement.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application."

Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated June 9, 2005.

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